



Keep Michigan Working

Talent Action Team

The education community and the economic development community have come together in an unprecedented effort to align their resources and efforts in support of economic recovery. To this end, they have identified the following Targeted and Growing Sectors:

Alternative Energy	Aerospace/Defense	Advanced Materials
IT/Software Engineering	Life Sciences	Entrepreneurship
Education (on-line and STEM Instructors)		Logistics/Transportation/Distribution
Engineering and Engineering Technology;		

The Targeted and Growing Sectors initiative will develop and deploy a series of workshops, collateral materials and a web site that defines:

- the targeted and growing sectors
- economic development efforts supporting each sector
- employment opportunities in the sector
- education and training programs available which align with the sectors that aid transitioning workers to gain the necessary skills.

In early 2009 the workshops and website will be made available to workforce development professionals; k-12, college and university counselors, faculty and staff along with the community at large. The goal of the Targeted and Growing sectors initiative is to increase public awareness of opportunities and to develop a skilled workforce in support of these sectors and the diversification of the Southeast Michigan economy.

The college and universities in Southeast Michigan have rapidly responded to the economic crisis by implement specific programs, services and policies for workers in transition. A sampling of the initiatives is attached.

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